

sequencing apparatus of claim 1, which receives digital images of the customer order as an image input;

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a printer which receives and prints the digital images of the customer order as provided by the image output of said sequencing apparatus in accordance with the output sequence.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that claims 1 and 7 have been amended; and claims 2-6 and 8 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

Red-lined Claims for the Examiner's convenience:

1. A photographic laboratory digital image sequencing apparatus for generating a sequence of digital images of a customer order before passing the digital images to a printer for printing, comprising:

an image input, through which the digital images are received,

an image output which outputs the digital images, said image output ~~outputting~~ providing as an output the stored digital images of the customer order according to an output sequence,

an image memory for storing the digital images of the customer order; and is provided,

a determining unit ~~is arranged~~ which determines positions of the stored digital images in the output sequence by ~~referring~~ reference to reference data.

7. A processing system for processing photographs in a photographic laboratory comprising

at least one ~~of the~~ groups consisting of a scanner which produces digital images by scanning photographic films of a customer order and a digital image data interface which receives

digital image data of a customer order via a data transmission line or data storage medium;

~~the~~ sequencing apparatus of claim 1, which receives the digital images of the customer order ~~in the~~ as an image input;

a printer which receives and prints the digital images of the customer order ~~output~~ as provided by the image output of the said sequencing apparatus ~~of claim 1~~ in accordance with the output sequence.

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